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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/647,689

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Examiner

Tan Le

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

## Period for Reply

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

**DETAILED ACTION1.**

1. This is the first office action for serial number 10/647,689. This application contains 20 claims numbered 1-20.
2. The listing of references in the specification is not a proper information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.98(b) requires a list of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office, and MPEP § 609 A(1) states, "the list may not be incorporated into the specification but must be submitted in a separate paper." Therefore, unless the references have been cited by the examiner on form PTO-892, they have not been considered.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1 and 20, each recites the limitation "the outer areas of the upper side" (claim 1, line 6; claim 20, line 8). There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claims 1 and 20 each recites the limitation "the cylindrical receptacle" (claim 1, line 11; claim 20, line 14). There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claims 1 and 20, each recites the limitation "the wine bottle" (claim 1, line 13; claim 20, line 16). There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 1-20 are rejected, but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: No individual recitation or obvious combination of citations discloses or suggests a wine holder having a horizontal support means rotatably attached to at least two vertical arms of the support frame and supporting within the vertical loop where a cylindrical receptacle is disposed between the arms of the support frame; means affixed at least one of the support means to permit rotation of the cylindrical receptacle from the vertical up to about 20 degrees away from the vertical to facilitate the removal of a wine bottle for dispensing wine to the consumers; and a removable cooling means associated with the wine receptacle for maintaining the wine bottle held within the receptacle at a temperature suitable for serving in combination with other limitations, which is not found in the art to be anticipated or rendered obvious the above limitations.

***Conclusion***

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

4,023,379 to Zevlakis

2,819,860 to Orbach

1,412,900 to Spacke

4,836,476 to Wolf

5,609,318 to Scheh

2,890,007 to Rutledge, Sr.

5,444,992 to Bell

The above patents disclose various types of wine holders.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tan Le whose telephone number is (703) 305-8244.


The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:00-6:00 and alternating Mon..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leslie Braun can be reached on (703) 308-2156. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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